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The amendment filed on July 27, 2010 effectively cancelling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because the claims as originally filed were drawn to a composition and a method of making the composition. Claims to the current method of use were not presented. The current method claims are considered to be directed to an invention that lacks unity with the originally claimed invention. Lack of unity is demonstrated by any of the 102 rejections in the previous Office action that anticipate the previously claimed composition but not the claimed method. Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Thus, since applicant only presents non-elected claims, the amendment filed on July 27, 2010 is considered to be non-responsive.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

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